

OVERHEARD IN WYATT'S CAFETERIA, BAKERSFIELD CA, 8/86

Sunday has come down with

107° outside at three o'clock

I couldn't cook today if someone  
beat me with a peachtree switch  
so we are here in a dazzling cafeteria  
after a long walk through a maze.

Worth it now

dishes clink  
and ice cubes in our frosty glasses  
conversation drifts across from a  
nearby table.

Fascinating. I listen intently, stop chewing  
so as not to miss a word.

An older man tells a man of thirtyish

"Seventy-two Nobel Prize winners  
urge the Supreme Court to reject Creationism."

A big Okie

in the next booth hears this statement too  
his ruddy face flushes redder  
and he asks his woman companion

"Verla, what in the hell business is it of the  
Supreme Court  
what us people thinks about  
Creation?

It's already been created."